

KAISER DOMINATES EUROPE

ULTIMATUM TO RUSSIA AN ACT OF POLITICAL REVENGE

Counter to Isvolsky's Effort to Form a Hostile League—Internal Weaknesses of Britain and France—Signs of a Reaction—Dreadnought Battles.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, April 10.—Gradually the causes and effects of Germany's ultimatum to Russia and the fundamental changes which it makes in the European situation are being disclosed. It is now known that the Kaiser's sudden blow at the great empire which holds dominion over one-sixth of the world was his reply to Russia's attempt to form a hard and fast alliance between herself, Great Britain and France.

Baron Isvolsky's memorable tour six months ago was for this purpose. The matter had been discussed previously between the three Powers. Isvolsky encountered the first objection from France, whose Government felt that she was the most exposed to attack from the common enemy and asked if Russia would provide promptly an adequate fleet for her own defence. Russia agreed to do this.

Then Isvolsky came to London and specially urged that England increase her military resources. Just at this time and when the negotiations were still in progress and Austria had announced her repudiation of the treaty of Berlin Germany got wind of Russia's plan. The Kaiser promptly notified the three Powers concerned, as Sir Edward Grey announced in his great speech last week, that Germany would regard any attempt to isolate her as a *cassus belli*. Grey promptly yielded and refused to go on with Isvolsky's alliance scheme and Germany gained full revenge by her humiliation of Russia a fortnight ago.

Everything combined to give Germany the whiphand of the whole situation for the time being and she is undoubtedly master of Europe at the present moment. France was still half paralyzed by the spirit of revolt among her civil servants and by other internal dissensions. Britain is under the control of a Government which is willing to purchase peace at any price, notwithstanding that the future portends. Russia is in the first stages of national reorganization and for the moment is impotent. Germany, in a word, can do as she likes in Europe to-day without firing a shot.

But this situation is certain to undergo a radical change. Britain is aroused as never before in this generation and the present Government will not last long. France will speedily pull herself together after the solution of her internal crisis. Russia is stirred to the depths and her anger will prove the best possible stimulant for the rapid development of her enormous resources. Any definite prophecy would be absurd, but it is almost axiomatic that Russian politics will be the dominant factor of history for the next three or four years.

Already there are reports of two new moves of the utmost importance by Germany. She is urging Turkey to join the triple alliance, and although English diplomats profess anxiety over the possible success of this scheme, it cannot be said that the new Turkish Government's policy is so definitely pro-English that such a thing is impossible. Then there comes the assertion that Japan is about to denounce her treaty of alliance with Britain and that Germany is angling at Tokyo for a fresh combination in place thereof.

The Sun's Berlin correspondent telegraphs that this report is fully credited in German diplomatic circles. It is pointed out that Great Britain, Russia and the United States recently made an agreement which seriously limit Japan's political and commercial liberty of action in the far East, and Japan is deeply incensed against her ally. King Edward's great peace league in fact is being attacked all along the line. The greatest game in history is being played and it has reached a critical stage. Will it be finished without bringing in rifles and dreadnoughts as the deciding factors? The man's opinion is as good as another's at this juncture.

In the meantime the alarm over the crisis increases instead of diminishing. It was enhanced by the news that Austria is to commence the construction of four Dreadnoughts this year, which may be completed in the autumn of 1911. This will necessitate Great Britain sending an equal force to the Mediterranean and adding this number to her programme for matching German construction. The revolt is spreading in the Liberal party on its naval policy. The *British Weekly*, an influential Liberal review, publishes a vehement article denouncing Asquith for cowardice.

W. T. Stead, who recently came out as a strong advocate of a big Dreadnought building programme, declares that Admiral Lord Charles Beresford does not support that policy and that he is opposed to laying down eight Dreadnoughts during the current year. On the other hand it is declared that Lord Charles says that eight are insufficient. The popular sailor himself, who has already been invited by fifteen constituencies to represent them in the House of Commons, keeps silent, although doubtless his views have been freely and forcibly to the Government.

It could seem that there is considerable difference of opinion among naval officers as to whether a naval battle in the future will depend more upon Dreadnoughts or torpedo boats and submarines. An expert has given an opinion that torpedo boats will go first into action and quite possibly will be able to deal with Dreadnoughts, attacking before the Dreadnoughts with which they are acting come on the scene.

In the British navy just now great attention is being devoted to night work. It is the most difficult task of gunnery, and the most difficult of all is when the moon is obscured and there is nothing of a sea running. For some time the British navy has been exercising these conditions, but this year greatly increased attention will be paid to firing in the night. An increased allowance of ammunition has just been sanctioned for this purpose. New regulations to control night training are about to be introduced.

CAUGHT WITH MARKED BILLS.

Two Headquarters Detectives Accused of Taking Bribe—"Plant," They Say.

William B. Mott and William J. O'Brien, Central Office detectives, were arrested yesterday afternoon charged with accepting a bribe. The alleged bribe was found in their pockets.

On April 6 Mott and O'Brien arrested Nathan Ballard of 320 West Forty-fourth street and William Friedman of 224 West Seventy-fourth street for pushing and jostling pedestrians in a suspicious manner. On April 7 the prisoners were discharged in the Tombs police court. Ballard charges that before the court hearing the detectives suggested that for \$25 they would see that the prisoners were discharged. Ballard says that he and Friedman agreed to give up the \$25 and that after being discharged they agreed to meet the detectives at Sixth avenue and Twenty-eighth street at 8 o'clock last Friday night. The appointment was kept, Ballard says, but he and Friedman had no money it was agreed that they should meet the detectives at 12:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the same place.

After making this appointment Ballard went to the District Attorney's office. He carried to the rendezvous yesterday three hundred dollar bills, the numbers of which were copied by Assistant District Attorney Nott. Ballard met Mott in a saloon and gave him the bills. O'Brien joined them soon after and got his share of the money. When the detectives came out of the saloon they were arrested. Each had one of the bills. With the missing bill Mott and O'Brien had bought drinks. The police recovered it.

The prisoners admitted that they had got the money from Ballard, but said that Ballard had given it to them voluntarily to show his gratitude for his recent discharge. They declared that the whole affair was a "plant" of Ballard's to get even with them for arresting him.

Mott has been on the force less than two years. O'Brien was appointed in 1903 and was for a time a first grade detective.

The prisoners were admitted to bail in \$2,000 apiece by Magistrate Herriman in the night court last night. Philip Donahue, a saloon keeper at 2188 Broadway, gave the security. Previously Lieut. Mott of the harbor squad had visited Detective Mott in his cell.

JAPAN'S SHIPS COMING.

Training Squadron to Sail for Hawaii for San Francisco on Wednesday.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

HONOLULU, April 10.—The Japanese training squadron, comprising the cruisers Asa and Koyu, sailed for Hawaii to-day. They will depart from that port next Wednesday for San Francisco.

Rear Admiral Iijima, commander of the squadron, is much gratified at the hospitality shown by Honolulu to his officers and men during their visit.

PRESIDENT PLAYS GOLF.

Secretary Knox, Secretary Meyer and Capt. Will With Him.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—President Taft played golf this afternoon on the links of the Chevy Chase Club, as he has done each Saturday for the last three weeks. On this occasion he was not joined by Vice-President Sherman or Brig.-Gen. Clarence B. Edwards. Their places in today's foursome contest were taken by Secretary of State Knox and Secretary of the Navy Meyer, both of whom are higher than the bumblepuppy class. The fourth participant in the contest was Capt. Archibald W. Butt, military aide to President Taft, who had played against him in the previous match. The score of the game was not disclosed. The weather to-day was fair, but a cold wind blew across the links and the temperature was unseasonably low and made things uncomfortable.

AFTER AUTOISTS TO-DAY.

Harlem Police Are Alert for Speeders—Yesterday's Road Adventures.

Although there has been a marked decrease in the speed of automobiles since the big gathering in of last Thursday night, Inspector Thompson of the Sixth inspection district (Harlem), called a meeting of his captains yesterday and told them to be on the watch for the least infraction of the highway laws to-day. Forty-five extra men in uniform and plain clothes will patrol Harlem streets on bicycles and motorcycles to-day, and to-night twenty-two men will go out in "roustabout" clothes on bicycles.

Mrs. Charles E. Otis of 5 Delevan terrace, Yonkers, driving along Riverside Drive yesterday afternoon, told her chauffeur, Vincent, to go faster. Vincent was driving a high powered machine which was formerly a Vanderbilt cup car. He shot the speed up and was arrested for speeding. In the police court yesterday Mrs. Otis gave bail diamond ring valued by her at \$5,000, and laughingly admitted that she had given orders to the chauffeur to "hit it up."

An automobile that turned a road-way from Waverley place at twenty-two miles an hour yesterday morning was stopped by Policeman Gunshannon, who told the chauffeur he was under arrest.

"Wait a minute, officer," said a man in the car who afterward gave his name as Aaron Naumburg of 524 Fifth avenue. "See this report in the paper."

"Yes, I see it," said Gunshannon, "but I would advise you to put it away."

In the Jefferson Market court the chauffeur, Thomas Flaherty of 148 West Sixty-fourth street, was held in \$100 bail for trial. Naumburg signed the bond.

Howard Cleighton of Deal, N. J., accused of running his automobile at 29 miles an hour in the State road yesterday morning, Ralsh Cook of Manassquan, N. J., was arrested for speeding along the coast road. He was under arrest and left a diamond ring valued at \$1,200 as security for his appearance this morning. Mr. Cook said he had just bought the car and didn't know he was exceeding the speed limit.

FLORIDA LIMITED WRECKED.

Derailment of Train Deliberately Planned—Nobody Killed.

COLUMBIA, S. C., April 10.—The Seaboard Air Line No. 10 and Florida limited train carrying Pullman was wrecked early this morning by running into an open switch at Hicks Station, 42 miles south of here. Eight persons were more or less seriously injured, but there were no fatalities.

The wreck was deliberately planned. The switch lock was broken and a warning of newspapers stuck between the rails to insure a wreck.

Several detectives are at work on the case. Seaboard trustees are being deposed over the Southern tracks.

RECEIVER FOR OSTRANDER CO.

MRS. FENN PUSHES HER DEMAND FOR AN ACCOUNTING.

Says That Since She Bought the Company Has Sold Parcels of Real Estate and That in Eight Months It Has Reported a Great Shrinkage of Values.

W. M. Ostrander, Inc., a \$2,000,000 real estate company that Walter M. Ostrander presented to a waiting world back in 1905, is in trouble. Justice Hendrick of the Supreme Court has appointed Myer Nussbaum receiver of the concern pending the trial of a suit that has been instituted by a stockholder against Ostrander and others associated with him for an accounting and the restitution of moneys alleged to have been diverted.

Mrs. Nene Van Tuyl Fenn, who gave up \$3,500 in response to Ostrander's advertisements, is the petitioner in the receivership proceedings as well as the plaintiff in the suit for an accounting. She alleges that title to real estate, supposed to be owned by the Ostrander company is in reality in the name of Ostrander and his associates; that parcels of the property have been sold since the suit for an accounting began, and that unless the assets are put in the hands of a receiver pending a determination of the litigation there is likely to be nothing left to satisfy a judgment.

The petitioner alleges that in eight months there has been an apparent shrinkage of the company's real estate assets from \$394,000 to \$75,000. The former amount was given as the company's real estate assets on May 1, 1908, and the latter in the report at the end of December of the present year. Ostrander and the other defendants say that the loss is merely "theoretical." In one case the real estate had been put down at its selling value and in the latter report at its actual cost. This, as explained by Ostrander, was a step toward conservatism.

The receiver is authorized to take charge of all the assets and Ostrander and the other defendants are restrained from transferring any of the real estate.

The Ostrander company has about \$1,200,000 of stock outstanding. It is capitalized at \$2,000,000, par \$100. Mrs. Fenn is one of the largest stockholders. Most of the investors she alleges, are people of small means who have been persuaded to buy two or more shares each, rarely more than five, and who have paid for them in weekly or monthly instalments of \$5 or \$10 each.

Practically all of the 12,000 shares issued, according to the complaint, went to Ostrander as the purchase price of his good will and reputation as a real estate dealer and for the marketing of the real estate. Ostrander now owns only about 6,000 shares. There are 8,000 in the treasury, and it is the petitioner's conclusion that the stock that has been sold for cash has been Ostrander's own holdings and that the proceeds have never gone into the company's treasury except to pay Ostrander and his associates big salaries and commissions.

Ostrander admitted that title to the company's real estate stood in his own name and the names of other officers, but he declared that there was in the company's possession a deed of trust showing its ownership of the properties. He said that the properties had been put in the names of individuals merely as a matter of convenience in making transfers.

Mrs. Fenn says that among other alluring literature passed out by Ostrander was a pamphlet purporting to contain testimonials by "pleased investors." The little book was headed: "What Others Say About W. M. Ostrander, Incorporated: Good Words from Good People." Only the initials were signed to the testimonials, but the literature said that she could have the full names and addresses of the writers or see the original letters if she desired. Mrs. Fenn did desire to see them after she had got her stock, but she says she was turned down.

Ostrander denied, in opposing the receivership motion, that he had ever refused any reasonable request from a stockholder. The Ostrander company hasn't paid any dividends since April 10, 1907, although Ostrander represented in his literature that every dollar invested in the stock was as safe as if it were in a bank and earns about three times as much interest in the form of dividends. One of the latest statements issued by Ostrander deplored the hard times and congratulated the stockholders that they had pulled through with a balance on the right side of the ledger. Then he broke the news that with additional capital they would be able to develop the business much faster.

The financial statement of the company on December 31 last showed assets of \$395,576, consisting of \$7,610 in cash, \$295,860 of bills receivable, \$3,899 of stocks and bonds, \$78,654 of real estate, \$6,380 of office furniture and \$14,172 of office supplies. Good will was put in at \$948,793 as an additional asset. Liabilities were given as \$95,778 and undivided profits \$62,293.

A "TIN RING," HE THOUGHT.

A Boy's Explanation of His \$2,000 Theft at Mrs. Ralph N. Ellis's.

Mrs. Ralph N. Ellis of 22 West Fifty-seventh street complained to Police Headquarters yesterday that a \$2,000 diamond ring in platinum setting had been taken from her dressing table. She said that two boys from Brown's express office at 986 Sixth avenue had been in the room for a trunk.

Detective Heney went to the express office, where James Lennon, 18 years old, of 430 West Forty-ninth street, admitted having taken the ring and produced it from a pocket. He said he had thought it a "tin ring" that wouldn't be missed. He was locked up at Police Headquarters.

Punished for Fraudulent Marriage.

WACO, Tex., April 10.—Ernest Wilkerson, found guilty of having a mock marriage performed with Miss Myrtle Morgan, a respected young woman from Dallas, has been sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. Wilkerson, it is alleged, obtained a fraudulent license and ministered to the ceremony. The marriage was performed on a train last fall. When Miss Morgan learned that she was not legally married she tried to commit suicide. Wilkerson has a wife and two children.

FRENCH EXPEL CASTRO.

Officials at Martinique Not Moved by Pleas of Pain and Lack of Cash.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. FORT DE FRANCE, April 10.—Cipriano Castro was taken from his hotel by the police this evening and taken to a steam launch which put him on board the steamship Versailles, which immediately put out to sea, bound for France.

Dr. Bouvier, to whom the French Government cabled to examine Castro and report on his condition, informed the authorities that he was well enough to travel on and the French steamer Versailles. Orders were accordingly issued for Castro to leave Martinique on that steamer.

He protested strongly and declared that he suffered intolerable pain in his abdomen and kidneys. He added that he had not funds to pay his travelling expenses. He demanded delay to enable him to go to Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary Islands.

The commissary of police, however, acting on the Governor's instructions, threatened to place Castro on board the Versailles by force if necessary, and informed him that he would be liable to six months imprisonment if he resisted.

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, April 10.—The American cruiser North Carolina has sailed for an unknown destination, but she is probably bound for Fort de France.

The American cruiser Montana is here under steam awaiting orders.

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, St. Thomas, April 10.—The United States battleship Maine arrived here to-day to be on hand in case Castro should decide to land here. The local government has wired to Denmark for instructions.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The only news the State Department would impart to-day was that the Venezuelan Government will arrest Castro if he ever reaches Venezuela. President Gomez appears to be in accord with the United States and the other interested Powers and will see to it that Castro makes no trouble in his country should he happen to get there.

CHICAGO OUTDOES HERSELF.

Greatest Divorce Day in the History of the Windy City.

CHICAGO, April 10.—All records were broken in the Chicago divorce courts to-day. Sixty-seven complaints, including both sexes and various ages, together with cohorts of witnesses, thronged the courtrooms of Judges Farlin, Q. Ball and Albert C. Barnes, to whom fell the lot of untangling marriage knots at the record rate of about two and a half minutes a knot. Decrees were granted in nearly every case.

Judge Ball was astonished when his clerk informed him before the opening of the morning session that there were thirty-seven cases on his docket. Judge Barnes' court room immediately adjoined and spectators drifted from one to the other.

The most common ground was desertion. Close upon this followed cruelty, non-support and habitual drunkenness. One woman testified that her husband had been on a spree for the last thirteen years absolutely without intermission.

DIVORCED FROM ASHTON POTTER

Infatuation for Geisha Girl Given as Ground for the Action.

SAUL FRANCISCO, April 10.—Mrs. Marie Louise Potter secured a divorce to-day from former Lieut. Ashton Potter, who was in the Philippine service, and obtained the custody of their seven-year-old daughter.

The cause of the divorce was Potter's infatuation for a geisha girl of Yokohama, which also cost him his commission in the army. Young Potter, who is a relative of the late Bishop Potter of New York, came here with young James G. Blaine and Algeon Sartoris, grandson of Gen. Grant.

In Yokohama Potter married Mrs. McNutt. After some time they visited Yokohama, where Potter fell in love with a geisha girl, and despite the protests of friends he publicly appeared with her.

President Roosevelt forced Potter's resignation from the army. Potter is now in Colorado Springs living at the Broadmoor Country Club.

BURIED UNDER UPSET AUTO.

Two Merchants and Their Wives Hurt in an Old Accident in Brooklyn.

While trying to dodge dogs which got into the roadway at Twenty-second avenue and Gravesend avenue in the Parkville section, Brooklyn, about 6 o'clock last night Arthur Labana, a chauffeur, turned his car so suddenly that a tire exploded. The vehicle had been going at high speed and when the severe jolt occurred the driver, Labana was thrown into the road and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Erdman and Mr. and Mrs. Morris D. Quitman were buried under the car.

Labana was taken by a passing automobile driver to the home of Dr. J. W. Malone in Bensonhurst. He was unconscious, but it was said later that he was not seriously injured. An ambulance came from the Coney Island Hospital and Dr. Plunkett helped the police get the others from under the automobile. They were all removed to their homes suffering probably from internal injuries. The machine, a touring car of the large type, was wrecked. A dog that was hit was so badly injured that it had to be killed.

Mr. Erdman, the owner of the car, is a wholesale dry goods merchant living at 21 Bay Twenty-ninth street, Bensonhurst. Quitman is a silk merchant living at 2187 Eighty-sixth street, Bensonhurst.

Gov. Haskell Escapes Trial.

TULSA, Okla., April 10.—Gov. Charles N. Haskell and the six other well known Oklahomans who were indicted by the Federal Grand Jury on a charge of fraud in acquiring Muskogee town lots will not have to stand trial. The motion of the defendants to quash the indictments was upheld here to-day by Judge John A. Marshall of Utah in the United States Circuit Court. Attorneys for the accused men say the statute of limitations will intervene to prevent the return of new indictments.

State Bank Guaranty Falls in Texas.

AUSTIN, Tex., April 10.—The free conference committee of the House and Senate to-day killed the State bank guaranty deposit bill.

Gov. Campbell issued a proclamation to-day convening the Legislature in another extraordinary session, which will meet on Monday. The present session will come to an end to-morrow.

SAVE MAD WOMAN AT WINDOW.

FIREMEN SUCCEED AFTER DOCTORS' LONG WRESTLE.

Crazed Patient Was Half Out a Sixth Floor Window of the Lyth-In Hospital When Seized From Within—Finally Dragged Bodily Into Window Below.

A woman patient at the Lyth-In Hospital, Second avenue and Eighteenth street, hung for half an hour last night from a sixth floor window ledge on the Eighteenth street side of the hospital with half a dozen nurses and physicians tugging at her wrists trying to pull her in. Some one pulled a fire alarm box and called out Deputy Chief Langford and a crew of firemen, who finally dragged the woman into a window on the fifth floor.

By that time 2,000 persons had been drawn into the street by the woman's incessant screaming. The police reserves were sent out from the East Twenty-second street station to clear Second avenue so that the street cars could pass.

The woman was Mrs. Nora Hickey of 290 West Houston street, wife of Michael Hickey. She gave birth to a boy at the hospital three weeks ago and went home a week later, but was advised to return because neither she nor the child was getting proper treatment at home. Within the last day or so she had developed slight touch of the form of insanity which sometimes follows childbirth. Up to last night she was watched closely but had shown no inclination to try to go out of the ward.

Last night Mrs. Hickey was walking around Dr. Davis's ward on the sixth floor, in which Miss McDonald was the head nurse. She had on a house dress and slippers. Suddenly she got the delusion, as the physicians learned later, that her husband was on a building across the street and when Miss McDonald left the ward for a moment Mrs. Hickey ran to the window on the Eighteenth street side, stuck both her feet through the single pane of glass which formed the bottom part and pushed herself through. Her feet, legs and hands were badly cut.

In an adjoining ward Mrs. Conklin and Brooks were discussing a case when they heard the glass break. Both ran into the ward where Mrs. Hickey was, followed by several nurses. They reached the window just as Mrs. Hickey was letting go her hold on the sill to drop the stories into the street. Each grabbed a wrist, but on account of the jagged condition of the glass they had to be careful about pulling her back.

The patient was throwing her body against the wall in her efforts to break the hold on her wrists. The physicians cried out for more help and Miss McDonald summoned Drs. Flegg and Gusbee. While Conklin and Brooks held the woman the other two pulled off two sheets and wound them into a heavy rope which they tied around Mrs. Hickey's wrists to give them a better hold.

Even after the sheets had been tied around the woman's wrists she resisted the efforts of the four doctors to pull her back into the building, and it was after a struggle of twenty minutes that some sensible person turned in a fire alarm from the corner.

When Truck 3 came along with Deputy Chief Langford Capt. John J. Shannon ordered a 75 foot extension ladder run up and he scrambled to the top as fast as he could go. When he got near the woman she kicked at him so vigorously that Shannon called for help, and Fireman Haupt went up the same ladder and tried to get a hold.

They were having little success, and the ladder got to swaying dangerously when Fireman Whalen and Policeman Cernovsky of the East Twenty-second street station went up inside the hospital to the window.

The woman's hands were made for pieces of glass. For the half hour it took to do this the woman kept up her screaming.

When her injuries had been attended to Dr. Flegg got out the hospital ambulance and took her to Bellevue where she was put in the woman's prison ward.

SHOT AT FLEEING PICKPOCKET.

Yonkers Policeman Beaten by His Other Prisoner But Gets Him to Jail.

YONKERS, April 10.—Two New Yorkers, Frank May of 47 Catherine street and James Ward of 834 Webster avenue, were locked up here to-day as pickpockets after a desperate fight with Policeman Coughlin in which Coughlin found it necessary to fire every cartridge in his revolver.

May and Ward were riding on a crowded trolley car on Nepperhan avenue this afternoon. One of the passengers, Michael Kirchner of 320 Ashburton avenue, Yonkers, noticed the two men jostle him several times but thought it was accidental. Near Summit street he felt a hand in his pocket and placing his hand there he found that his wallet containing \$39 was missing. He cried out, "I have been robbed."

Immediately May and Ward ran to the door of the car and jumped to the street. Kirchner gave chase, and after a pursuit of a block Policeman Coughlin joined him and caught the runners.

On the way to headquarters Ward suddenly wrenched himself free, and after landing a hard blow on the policeman's face dashed away.

Coughlin couldn't follow because May began fighting desperately. The policeman, though he returned blow for blow, dragged his prisoner along with one hand and with the other drew his revolver and fired five bullets after Ward. At Madison avenue Detective William J. Healey joined in the pursuit. He fired two more bullets after Ward and the latter stopped.

On being searched the wallet was found in May's possession.

Sex Discrimination in Washington.

SPOKANE, April 10.—When the new law goes into effect on June 11 no woman can enter into saloon in Washington State. A section of the new Criminal Code just adopted makes it a misdemeanor for any woman to enter such place or have any one to enter such place or have any one to enter such place. Intoxicated persons and felons are also excluded.

\$34,000,000 DROP IN RECEIPTS.

Starting Figures for the Transatlantic Passenger Trade in 1908.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, April 10.—The full figures of the transatlantic passenger trade of 1908 show an extraordinary situation which explains the terrible losses in the shipping trade.

The number of passengers going to America in 1908 was 635,000, which was 1,048,000 less than in the previous year. The number leaving America was 859,000, or 89,000 more than in 1907.

The loss to the steamship companies in gross receipts was \$34,000,000.

AERIAL SPREAD PLANNED.

Amateur Balloonist Will Entertain Party at Luncheon Up Aloft.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 10.—A limited number of invitations is to be issued by C. G. Fisher of this city for perhaps the most novel entertainment ever given in the country. He is arranging for a luncheon in the clouds and his invitations are to be sent to a party of six or seven who he thinks will enjoy the event.

The luncheon will be given in the basket of a giant balloon in charge of himself and G. L. Bumbaugh, a professional aeronaut. Fisher was instrumental in having the Aero Club of America select Indianapolis as the starting point for the great national balloon race on June 8 next.

A large balloon belonging to Bumbaugh will be used for the event. The basket will accommodate eight persons, and if any of the first timers feel like eating an elaborate luncheon while in the clouds the victuals will be before them. The feast in the clouds will be given some time next month.

TO SING IN CARUSO'S PLACE.

Mr. Hammerstein Loans Zenatello and His Metropolitan's Thanks.

BOSTON, April 10.—Oscar Hammerstein to-night gave out the following:

Metropolitan Opera Company, New York, April 9, 1909:

DEAR MR. HAMMERSTEIN.—Confirming our telephonic conversation of to-day (April 9, 1909), I beg to inform you that we have now made definite arrangements with Mr. Giovanni Zenatello to sing in Mr. Caruso's stead while on tour, commencing Monday, April 12.

As agreed, we shall insert in the programmes and in special notices that his appearance is by the courtesy of Mr. Oscar Hammerstein.

I wish to thank you in the name of our company for the spirit of cooperation shown, and you may rest assured that we shall heartily reciprocate whenever an occasion shall present itself.

I beg to remain with best regards, Sincerely yours, AND